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PIGMIES COMING FROM THE FORESTS OF CENTRAL AFRICA TO ENGLAND.



Colonel Harrison, the well-known explorer, with four of the strange pigmies he brought from the Stanley Forest, Congo Free State, and hopes to land in England. The pigmies, who vary from 3ft. 8in. to 4ft. 6in. in height and from eighteen to thirty-four years of age, are staying in Cairo, as the Foreign Office has not yet given permission for them to be brought to England. (See page 6.)

FIRST CRICKET MATCH OF THE SEASON—SURREY v. GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND AT THE OVAL.



In spite of the chilly weather, over 4,000 people assembled at Kennington Oval to witness this match between Surrey and a "Gentlemen of England" eleven, captained by Dr. W. G. Grace. Our photograph shows T. T. Brewer, whose partner is G. W. Beldam, batting for the Gentlemen of England.

LATEST NEWS OF TOGO'S FLEET.

Sighted in the Highway to
Vladivostok.

DISABLED WARSHIP.

Rojestvensky Casting About in
Search of Admiral Nebogatoff.

Admiral Togo has been seen at Masampho, a port that commands the Straits of Korea and the highway to Vladivostok, whither the Russian armada is supposed to be steaming.

This news comes from Chifu and is four days old. There is, therefore, no saying where Togo is now. He is not likely to remain long where he has been sighted.

A rather puzzling item of news is provided by the German cruiser Sperler at Tsingtau (Kiaochau).

It is to the effect that she passed, three days ago, in the Straits of Formosa, Japanese men-of-war towing in a northerly direction a warship that was badly damaged.

If this should prove correct, it is unfortunate for Togo, who cannot afford to have any of his ships disabled at the present juncture.

Such an accident might, however, easily happen among the reefs and shoals that beset the Pescadore Islands.

JAPANESE WHEREABOUTS.

CHIFU, Tuesday.—It is reported from Korea to-day that Admiral Togo, with the major portion of his fleet, was in Masampho Bay in the Straits of Korea, on April 20.—Reuter.

TSINGTAU-KIAO-CHAU, Tuesday.—The German cruiser Sperber, which has arrived here, reports that she sighted on the 22nd, in the Straits of Formosa, some Japanese men-of-war towing in a northerly direction another one, which was badly damaged.—Reuter.

BATTLE NOT IMMINENT.

PARIS, Tuesday.—According to the St. Petersburg correspondent of the "Matin," it is not now believed in the Russian capital that a naval battle is imminent.

It is affirmed at the Admiralty that the junction of Rojestvensky's squadron with that of Nebogatoff will be accomplished without difficulty, the latter making his journey either by way of the Straits of Malacca or, which is perhaps more probable, via the Sunda Straits.

No Japanese warships, it is declared, are in these waters.—Central News.

ROJESTVENSKY AND HIS ALLY.

PARIS, Tuesday.—A telegram to the "Matin" from St. Petersburg says:—"The General Staff of the Navy denies the report that there has been an engagement between the Russian and Japanese squadrons."

"It declares that on leaving Kamranh Bay Admiral Rojestvensky, temporarily interrupting his route northwards, came back as far as Java or Borneo in order to meet Admiral Nebogatoff, who cannot be more than three or four days' sailing from him.—Reuter.

KUROPATKIN'S RESIGNATION.

An unconfirmed rumour is circulating in St. Petersburg that Kuropatkin has resigned, and will be replaced by Kaulbars as commander of the First Army.

It is also freely stated that the Japanese armies have again got their full complement of companies, each regiment being equipped with ten machine-guns.—Exchange.

LONG-DEFERRED VENGEANCE

Soldier Repays with Interest a Debt of Ten
Years' Standing.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Tuesday.—Ten years ago Sergeant Grangier kicked a cavalry soldier named Dumant, and called him an idiot. "Very well, sergeant," said Dumant, "we shall meet again."

For this answer Dumant received thirty days' imprisonment.

Yesterday, in a little Paris café, two old soldiers accidentally met, as Dumant had foretold.

"I am Grangier," boasted one, "the first sergeant in France."

"Oh, it's you, Grangier," screamed a miserable-looking creature. "Do you remember me, Dumant? You struck me, you sent me to prison, you ruined my career."

And he rushed on Grangier and stabbed him with a knife. Grangier lies in hospital, seriously wounded.

GRATEFUL FRANCE.— TRANSSVAAL PARLIAMENT.

Preparing for Meeting of Mammoth
Fleets at Spithead.

I never doubted the sympathetic welcome which England would give the French fleet during their visit, and I beg you to believe that whichever French port the English fleet will visit on your visit this summer, it will be nevertheless warmly received.

In these cordial words has the French Minister of Marine accepted the proffered hospitality of the Mayor of Portsmouth in connection with the visit of the French fleet to the great naval port in the first week in August.

On that occasion both the British Channel Fleet and Atlantic Fleet will be at Portsmouth, and the King will live aboard the royal yacht, anchored in the midst of his warships.

THE KING AND PRESIDENT.

The royal yacht, with the King and Queen on board entered Sardinian waters yesterday, and anchored off Algiers, about two miles from the coast.

King Edward is expected to arrive in Paris on Saturday evening from Marseilles, and on Sunday or Monday he will have an interview with President Loubet.

His Majesty may return to London on Monday evening, and attend the Newmarket races on Tuesday. He will not be accompanied by the Queen.

DIED AMONG STRANGERS.

Liverpool Girl Commits Suicide Before a
Mirror at Rouen.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

PARIS, Tuesday.—Easter time at Rouen has been saddened by a tragedy involving the death of a young Englishwoman who took rooms at the Hotel d'Albion last Wednesday.

She gave the name of Miss B. Logan, from Liverpool, and was twenty-four. Extremely prepossessing, she had dark auburn hair, fine features, greyish blue eyes, and a beautiful set of teeth.

As she did not appear on Monday morning as usual, her door was forced, when the unfortunate young lady was found lying on the floor dead, bled in a pool of blood, and a razor lying by her side.

She had apparently tried to sever the veins in her left arm while in bed, but subsequently appears to have got up, and while standing in front of the mirror, gave herself the death-blow in the throat.

Our Liverpool correspondent telegraphs that nothing is known relating to the girl there.

ENGLISH "PILGRIMS" ANGRY.

Story of an Attempt To Exploit Lord Roberts
Treated as Ridiculous.

Pilgrims in London—members of the famous Pilgrims' Club—are indignant at the suggestion that the club has been used as an advertisement tool by the Equitable Life Assurance Company.

The *Daily Mirror* was informed yesterday that at all such gatherings each Pilgrim pays for his share of the banquet, and the guest of the evening is usually paid for by the chairman.

At the head English office of the Equitable Assurance Society indignation was expressed at the suggestion that the society's funds could be used in this way.

"To my personal knowledge," said a leading official, "Mr. Wilson has paid for himself and Sir Thomas Lipton at a gathering of the kind."

"The suggestion that Lord Roberts is not going to America for fear of his visit being twisted into an advertisement of the society is simply ridiculous."

ARREST SPOILS A ROMANCE.

Eloping Pair Stopped by Detectives on an
Outgoing Liner.

To the consternation of their fellow-passengers on the Canadian Pacific Company's vessel Lake Champlain yesterday, a couple who had booked as Mr. and Mrs. Trueman were arrested just before the vessel sailed from Liverpool.

The man is a sturdy young collier named Caleb Ashley Trueman, of Shirebrook, Chesterfield, and it is alleged that the woman is the wife of a man named Edson, with whom Trueman lodged.

Edson further charges them with having packed up some of his household valuables and clothing, which the couple had succeeded in taking on board. Developments will follow at Chesterfield Police Court.

WAR SECRETARY AT JERSEY.

Mr. Arnold-Forster arrived on board the Admiralty yacht *Fire Queen* at Jersey yesterday.

He was met on landing by Major-General Gough, Lieutenant-Governor of the island, and the Mayor of St. Helier. He will stay at Government House

TRANSSVAAL PARLIAMENT.

New Constitution on Broad and
Democratic Lines.

The terms of the long-promised new Transvaal Constitution have been promulgated, and represent what is regarded in South African circles as a liberal scheme.

Among its principal features are the following: A Legislative Assembly in the Colony, consisting of the Lieutenant-Governor not less than six nor more than nine official members, and not less than thirty nor more than thirty-five elected members.

A commission to create from thirty to thirty-five electoral districts upon the principle of an equal number of voters.

Every white male British subject of the age of twenty-one years and upwards shall be entitled to be registered as a voter.

Persons qualified to vote are—(a) those enrolled on latest list of burghers of the late South African Republic; (b) any person who has occupied for not less than six months premises within the Colony of the value of £200, or of the annual value of £10; (c) any person in receipt of salary or wages at rate of £100 a year, earned within the Colony, for not less than six months.

A biennial registration of voters. All debates and discussions in the Legislative Assembly to be conducted in the English language. Any member, however, may, with the consent of the President, address the Assembly in the Dutch language.

BANK PANIC.

Manager's Arrest for Fraud Followed by
Wholesale Withdrawals.

In fear for the safety of their money, depositors in the First National Bank of Milwaukee, U.S.A., whose president, Mr. Frank G. Bigelow, has been arrested for the misappropriation of \$300,000, rushed frantically to close their accounts.

Serious panic was only allayed by the prompt action of the directors, who subscribed £327,000 to cover the deficiency; but the great crowd of angry and excited depositors afforded a remarkable scene. Amounts totalling \$200,000 were withdrawn in a few hours.

A warrant has been issued for the arrest of Mr. Goll, the assistant cashier, for complicity, but he has disappeared.

Mr. Bigelow, who has been liberated on \$5,000 bail, stated that he had no excuse to make.

He denies that he has been associated with Mr. John W. Gates, whose wheat "deal" recently collapsed.

DECORATED BURGLAR.

Malefactor Steals £400 by Disguising Himself
as an Official.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

MARSEILLES, Tuesday.—By disguising themselves as policemen, and pretending they had come to make a search, three audacious thieves succeeded in robbing a Marseilles jeweller named Balsani of jewellery and money.

At five in the morning the unfortunate man was awakened by a loud knocking at the door. "Open in the name of the law," cried a voice. "Open, I am the commissioner of police."

The jeweller, opening, found a man wreathed in a tricolour, accompanied by two policemen.

"We have come to search your house," said he of the sash; "produce your jewels and money. Here is an order of the Court."

The wretched victim handed over jewels and 1,800 francs. The visitors packed them up in a parcel, and told the astounded jeweller that he must present himself at the police court at eight o'clock.

With that the three rushed out, locking the door, and before the unfortunate jeweller had recovered from his surprise they were already far away. The goods stolen were worth £400.

VIVISECTION KILLS LOVE.

An Omaha medical student so disgusted his sweetheart by writing to her the details of an operation he had performed upon a live cat, that she telegraphed to him breaking off their engagement.

In despair, he attempted suicide with cocaine, but his life was saved.

BRINGING FRANCE NEARER.

Captain Hancock and a crew of forty men left Dover for Dumbarton yesterday to bring down the new cross-Channel turbine steamer *Onward*.

On 1.2.12 this vessel developed twenty-three knots speed, and she is expected to reduce the cross-Channel passage to about forty-five minutes.

CROWN PRINCE'S COMING WEDDING.

Paupers Will Celebrate It by Eating
Fourteen Kinds of Sausage.

KAISER'S MENU.

(FROM OUR OWN CORRESPONDENT.)

BERLIN, Tuesday.—The approaching marriage of the Crown Prince has aroused far greater enthusiasm in the provinces than in the German capital.

Every town in the Empire having a population of 25,000 or more will, on the eventful Tuesday fixed for the wedding, contribute a large contingent of enthusiastic sight-seers, as well as a present for the Imperial pair.

Berliners themselves, however, are somewhat sore at what they consider the "bad taste" of the Crown Prince's fiancée, for it is a fact that although she recently paid a lengthy visit to Potsdam, she never once thought it worth her while to visit Berlin and parade herself before her future subjects, resident in the capital.

Perhaps the most enthusiastic Berliners are those who reside, at the expense of the State, in the Kaiser's prisons. It is said that many hundreds of short-time prisoners will be released in honour of the Imperial wedding.

The inmates of Berlin's workhouses, too, are counting the days that must elapse before the fateful Tuesday. For every pauper in the German capital is to be given a magnificent dinner, the programme of which specifies distinctly fourteen different varieties of sausage. It is said that Kaiser Wilhelm himself is responsible for this menu.

ENGLISH BRIDAL DRESS.

The Kaiser's heir has ordered a magnificent diamond tiara, fashioned after an elaborate design of his own, as a wedding present for his bride. He has also bought her an English phaeton and a pair of cobs.

Among the firms honoured by orders for the trousseau of the Duchess Cecile are Messrs. Paquin and Doucet, both of whom have representatives in constant residence at Cannes, who spend hours daily consulting with the future Crown Princess and her mother, the Grand Duchess Anastasia.

But it is an English firm, Messrs. Redfern, which has been given the honour of actually supplying the bridal dress. This will be a "heavenly creation"—to quote a Hamburg newspaper, but "unfortunately most of the lace will be Irish, not made in Germany."

Another newspaper, the "Neue Bayerische Landeszeitung," complains bitterly at this "lack of patriotism" on the part of Duchess Cecile. "The Kaiser," says the editor, "has himself been often enough criticised for having a new yacht made in America, a new opera in Italy, etc., and that German princes cannot break away from the customs of their ancestors, who have lavished their subjects' money on foreign diplomats, artists, officers, teachers, confessors, tailors, and dress-makers."

FULL STATE PAGEANT.

I learn that full state will prevail at the Imperial wedding on June 6, for the Crown Prince will be absolutely the first of his race to be married as a German Emperor's eldest son and heir apparent. The Duchess Cecile is to have every honour, and eight white horses will be harnessed to the state coach in which she will enter Berlin. It is said that the march to be played on this auspicious occasion has been composed by a Potsdam policeman.

On Sunday, June 4, two days before the actual wedding ceremony (the civil portion of which, I learn, is to be performed by Herr von Wedel), the Duchess Cecile and her mother will be fettered, with old-world ceremony, from Schloss Bellevue to the Imperial Palace, where she will be awaited by the Crown Prince.

The procession should be extremely quaint, for according to immemorial custom, all the Guilds of Berlin, prominent among them that of the butchers, in tail-coats and silk hats, will play a prominent part in the pageant.

MIDNIGHT TELEGRAMS.

Northamptonshire army boat operatives yesterday refused the suggested basis of settlement of the strike.

Vice-Admiral Sir A. W. Moore has been appointed second in command of the Channel Fleet, vice Rear-Admiral C. J. Barlow.

The vicar of West Cosely was yesterday fined for not having a licence in respect to a dog, which was paralysed, and which the police refused to destroy.

Four Grimby trawlers, one from Hull, and one from Ymuiden, arrested off Iceland, have been fined £300 and had their gear confiscated at Copenhagen for illegal fishing.

An extension of Wakefield Cathedral, costing £50,000, and erected in memory of Dr. Walsham, first Bishop of the diocese, was consecrated yesterday by his successor, Dr. Eden.

ASPIRANTS FOR THE STAGE.

Sixty-Two of Them To Play Trial Parts in London.

AMUSING APPEALS.

Sixty-two masculine and feminine hearts in various parts of the kingdom are beating in a fever of expectation and hope.

For to-morrow, at 1 p.m., takes place the great trial matinee at the Holloway Empire, in which artists who have never before had a chance of appearing on the London music-hall stage will be allowed a bid for fame.

The matinee is the outcome of an article in the *Daily Mail* stating that English provincial artists are treated with stony silence, an attempt to obtain an interview with a London manager being almost a crime.

Is there a London manager," the writer asked, who dare run matinees for a week with nothing but English artists?"

Mr. Oswald Stoll, of the Moss Empires, Ltd., took the matter up, and offered a matinee for English artists only.

No fewer than 28,000 applications for a trial were received, and the sixty-two successful applicants come from nearly every place of importance in the United Kingdom. Each "turn" will last five minutes.

The programme includes dancing, whistling, juggling, "The Man Who Talks," an "Immaculate Comedian," a "Lady Contortionist," "Knock-out Roller Skaters," a "Rolling Globe Performance," and the inevitable "Quick-Change Artist."

Engagements to Follow.

The journalists present will be asked to vote on the respective "turns," and those artists who are considered good enough will receive engagements in London.

Many applications that failed were exceedingly amusing.

"I am a sweet, graceful, and charming dancer," says one; "in fact, a perfect picture."

"Can you lend me a soft black cat?" is a curious request. "My usual properties," adds the writer, "are my sister and a black cat, but my cat has been mislaid. I must have a soft one."

Too anxious to await a reply by post, scores of ladies came up from the country and besieged the office.

One girl went so far as to take silence for consent. "As I have not heard from you," she wrote, "I shall present myself at the Holloway Empire at 12.30 on Thursday with my scenery and company."

Several servants applied. One offered to pay 45s for his hard-earned savings—for the privilege of appearing.

A Good "Comic" Singer.

One letter deserves quotation in full. The writer seeks to emphasise her appeal by a copious use of capitals:

Dear Sir having read an article that You and Your Company are going to Give an Opportunity to nitrate Aspirants for the Music hall Stage and as I should like to be one of the favoured one, and as I have Never been on a Music hall Stage, but Can Sing a Good Comic Song hoping that I am not asking too much of Your Valuable time by putting My Name on the list which I Shall Esteem a Great favour.

"Void of Vulgarity" is one man's description of himself. Another wishes to try the effect of a carbonic acid gas experiment on the audience.

"I want people to come on the stage and try to hang me," is another proposal. "I can always slip out, however tight the rope is tied. You see, my brain is softer than other people's."

Writing to ask the management to reconsider their refusal of his services, a comedian breaks into poetry:

A man may be a clever man,
As witty as can be,
But if he cannot get a chance
He'll never top the tree.

One boy of thirteen declares his ability to successfully imitate Eugene Stratton, Vesta Tilley, and George Robey.

"OUT OF THE PALE OF THOUGHT."

Isiah Claudius Babington Wilson, a man of colour, who has been living without payment at an Earl's Court boarding-house, representing himself to be a divinity student, was charged yesterday with obtaining credit by false pretences.

The indignant landlady having given evidence, her late lodger exclaimed:

"Her statements are out of the pale of thought altogether."

He was remanded.

BEAR-HUNTING PRESIDENT'S BAG.

President Roosevelt has shot two brown bears, weighing about 250lb. each, in the course of a thirty-five mile ride.

One of the bears, says Reuter's Newcastle (Colorado) correspondent, when brought to bay, killed the party's best dog with a blow of its paw.

TAX-COLLECTOR'S VISITS DRIVE ANOTHER

Tradesman to Suicide.

"He was a steady man, and never talked of doing harm to himself," said the widow of a grocer whose body was taken from Highgate Ponds on Sunday at the inquest yesterday at St. Pancras; "but he had been worried over business matters, principally rates and taxes."

His name was William George Hunt, and he left his home and shop in Great College-street, Camden Town, on Monday, April 3. On his body was found a number of letters from solicitors asking for money. His widow said all demands could have been met, but the repeated visits of the tax-gatherer had unhinged his mind. Suicide whilst of unsound mind was the verdict.

Unhappily this sad case is not the only instance of a Londoner killing himself through inability to pay rates.

On April 5 there appeared in the *Daily Mirror* an account of how Nathaniel Hill, a jeweller, of Hanover Park, Peckham, shot himself for the very same reason.

The taxes, said his sorrowing widow, were his greatest worry.

On April 13, Mr. George R. Sims, in a striking article he contributed to the *Daily Mirror*, referred to the case, and pointed the moral, which in a word, is this:—

Considering how easy and luxurious life is made in the latter-day workhouse for those who won't work, it is much better to go on the rates than to struggle to pay them.

"To drive the worker to self-destruction," he says, "in order that the idle man may have everything for nothing is neither good socialism nor good sense."

ENTICED FROM HIS WIFE.

Young Married Grocer's Elopement with a Girl of Seventeen.

A romantic story of the elopement of a seventeen-year-old girl with Robert Leigh Owen, a young married grocer, was related at Manchester Police Court yesterday, when the man was charged with abduction and committed for trial.

The couple were found living together at Cardiff, and Owen, on being arrested, said they were happy and comfortable. He looked serenely confident in the dock.

Owen gave up his shop at Prestwich and went to Newcastle, but a letter which the girl, Lillian May Blomley, sent him there, in which she said she was heartbroken, caused him to alter his plans.

She said she wished she might come and live with him, and he returned, and, after leaving his wife and children with a relative, went off with her to Bristol, London, and other towns.

MISSING BRIDEGROOM.

Mother Implores Officials To Prevent Her Son's Wedding.

Greatly to the astonishment of the ladies who were decorating Kingston Parish Church on Saturday, an elderly woman rushed into the church, and excitedly implored the vergers to stop the wedding of her son, which was fixed to take place that afternoon.

After the vergers had promised to lay the matter before the vicar, the woman, at her earnest request, was allowed to leave by another door, when it was discovered that the bride was waiting for her outside, not in the best of tempers.

The amity of the embarrassed officials, however, was solved by the bridegroom, who failed to meet his bride at the appointed hour, and she had to return greatly agitated to her home.

SILENT WEDDING.

Deaf and Dumb Bride and Bridegroom Married by Sign Language.

Bride and bridegroom, two of the bridesmaids, and a number of the members of the congregation at a wedding which took place at St. Mark's Church, Coventry, yesterday, were both deaf and dumb.

The Rev. Canon Mansfield Owen, of Edgbaston, who understands the deaf and dumb language of signs, went to Coventry specially to perform the ceremony, and great interest was aroused locally by the unusual circumstances.

Of necessity the main features of the ceremony were performed in utter silence, which in itself lent unusual solemnity to the marriage.

NO "C.O.D." FOR ENGLAND

Replying to a correspondent, the Postmaster-General says:—

"It is not at present proposed to introduce the cash on delivery system in the United Kingdom, but instead of introducing it between England and the British Colonies and possessions and Egypt is under consideration."

No hope is held of cheaper telegrams.

FAST SCHEME.

Temperance Party's Opposition to a Greater Earl's Court.

BISHOP AND LICENCES.

Mr. Imre Kiralfy, whose vast scheme for entertaining London in a greater "Earl's Court" at Shepherd's Bush is now well in hand, has met with an astonishing difficulty.

Temperance societies have suddenly discovered that in connection with this exhibition Mr. Kiralfy is applying for forty-one new liquor licences. To this the temperance societies are making strong objection.

The Ecclesiastical Commissioners, who leased the land at Shepherd's Bush to Mr. Kiralfy, have now been dragged into the discussion by the temperance people.

Why, they are asked, should two Archbishops, thirty-two Bishops, and other ecclesiastical dignitaries, who handle the vast estates of the Church, permit Mr. Kiralfy to use ground for the creation of forty-one new drink licences?

Bishop of London's Views.

So great is the disturbance created in Church and temperance circles that the Bishop of London has taken part in the controversy.

Dr. Winnington Ingram, who is a broad-minded man, has declared himself on the side of Mr. Kiralfy and his vast open-air entertainment scheme. He holds that it would be impracticable to forbid the sale of liquor at the exhibition. He considers the exhibition will be an advantage to London.

Here the Bishop of London is in agreement again with the Ecclesiastical Commission, of which he is, ex-officio, a member.

Messrs. Clutton, of Whitehall-place, who manage the estates of the Commission, gave to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday a statement of the case from the Commissioners' point of view.

Licences Not Unreasonable.

"It is not the Commissioners' duty," said a representative of the firm, "to decide if the licences shall be granted, they are willing to leave that to the licensing magistrates. Though always anxious to promote the cause of temperance, they think the number of licences contemplated not unreasonable."

"They also appreciate the advantage to London of having a new 'lung' in this neighbourhood."

"My exhibition will be one of London's greatest and most healthy attractions," said Mr. Imre Kiralfy to the *Daily Mirror* yesterday.

"The objection is absurd. If you ask people to come to an exhibition you must give them something to eat and drink."

"You can form some idea of the area covered by the ground when I tell you that it is equal to the district contained within the limits of Regent-street, Oxford-street, Tottenham Court-road, and Pall Mall."

"In that area there are, at the most modest estimate, 300 licensed houses, so that forty-one in an equal area for exhibition purposes is not excessive."

Very few of these, too, will be for 'bars.' The greater number are clubs, luncheon and tea rooms, and restaurants."

DOG AS CASUS BELLI.

"Regrettable Incident" Between a Vicar and an Ironmonger's Son.

Sleepy Salcombe, a small town in South Devon, is still suffering from the shock and distress caused by "a regrettable incident" which occurred, says the local "Times," one day last week in its Forest-street.

The vicar, the Rev. J. A. Sidgwick, was walking with his dog. Outside the shop of Mr. W. Dornon, ironmonger, also the owner of a dog, there began a dog-fight. It appears that the vicar, in trying to part the dogs, hit them both—his own and Mr. Dornon's—indiscriminately with his stick. Mr. Dornon's son remonstrated with the vicar, for he was hurt that the family dog should be thus smitten, and somehow the vicar, perhaps accidentally, struck the young gentleman. And then, says the "Salcombe Times," "Young Mr. Dornon flew lost his temper, and immediately the two were locked in a hand-to-hand combat."

Young Mr. John Dornon and the vicar have since expressed their mutual regret, but all the inhabitants, says the "Salcombe Times," "feel deeply grieved and pained that it should have been possible for such an incident to happen, particularly when the lessons of Holy Week should have produced a restraining influence upon the warring passions that are found within us all."

WELL-KNOWN PLAYWRIGHT ILL.

Mr. Robert Brough, playwright and author, and a member of the famous theatrical family, has broken a bloodvessel.

This sad news of his critical condition comes from Perth, Western Australia.

PERILS OF THE ROAD.

Two More Deaths Caused by Motor-Cars—Several Persons Injured.

Several motor-car and cycling accidents have, unfortunately, to be recorded to-day. In at least three instances death resulted.

At Smitham Bottom, near Purley, a large motor-car crashed into a pony-trap containing four persons late on Monday night. The trap was wrecked, and three of its occupants, seriously hurt, were taken to Croydon Hospital by the police. Their names are Ernest Jupp, thirty, Amy Jupp, thirty-one, and Herbert Williams, all of 42, Eden-road, Waddon, Croydon.

A farmer named Muggidge, who was thrown out of his cart through a collision with a motor-car near Arundel has died from his injuries.

While walking to Epsom races Edward Walter Woodward, of Esher, stepped in front of a motor-car at Thames Ditton, and was knocked down and fatally injured. The driver, who was also the owner, Mr. Arthur Lambert, of Kew-road, Richmond, rendered every possible assistance.

James Downie, of Old Trafford, had a sideslip when passing an omnibus in Stockport, and the wheels of the omnibus crushed his head and killed him.

By collision with a tramcar while cycling near Leicester George Cosford, of New Brinsley, lost his right eye, besides receiving other injuries, and is in a critical condition. Mr. E. Knight, of London, fell in a mile bicycle handicap at Aylestone, Leicester, and broke his collar-bone.

Near Etruria Station the mutilated body of a woman was found early yesterday morning on the North Staffordshire Railway. Her identity is unknown.

Struck on the head by a piece of lead piping while passing a building in course of construction at Ramsey, Hunts, James Cowell is in a precarious condition.

HIS FIRST ACCIDENT.

Motor-Cyclist Describes How Brave Streatham Mother Met Her Death.

The version of the rider of the motor-cycle that figured in the sad accident at Streatham on Thursday, when Mrs. Brand, of Amesbury-avenue, Streatham, lost her life to save her child, was given at the inquest yesterday.

The cyclist, who is Manfred Schaufelberger, of Hopton-road, Streatham, said a tram-car overtook him, and he had to go to the side of the road.

Seeing Mrs. Brand and her child, he sounded his horn and prepared to pass them on the near side of the road.

They hesitated, stopped in front of him, and he collided with them, and they "all fell into a heap."

He had been a cyclist for twelve years, and this was his first accident.

VALUE OF JU-JITSU.

Young Constable Overpowers a Navvy Vastly His Superior in Strength and Weight.

A very interesting exhibition of the art of Ju-jitsu and its value as a means of self-defence was witnessed near Finsbury Park Railway Station, the other night, says the "Islington Gazette."

A heavy drunken navvy, close upon six feet in height, and weighing about fifteen stone, had been taken into custody, and for about thirty minutes had defied the united efforts of four policemen to convey him to the station. The guardians of the peace were well-nigh exhausted, when another constable, a young fellow of about eleven stone, appeared on the scene.

He seized the great, hulking brute by the wrist, and, using an arm lock, had him on the ground in an instant, and in less than six seconds helpless and howling for mercy.

COULD NOT WAIT.

Delay on the Telephone Causes a Man to Commit Suicide.

At Hayward's Heath yesterday it was shown in evidence before a coroner's jury that Alfred Medina, a laundry manager, had poisoned himself in a fit of temper.

Owing to a breakdown of one of the laundry machines he wanted to get through on the telephone to some machinists. There was a delay on the line and he got into a rage. After taking some cyanide of potassium he went into his house to dinner, kissed his children, and expired.

"I am always breaking things. I have had another breakage to-day, and it's more than I can bear."

This strange explanation of her conduct was given by Ada Lawrence, a Norwich servant, who threw herself into the river and was rescued in an unconscious state yesterday.

Employers of 2,500 out of the 4,000 Glasgow joiners out on strike agreed to the men's terms yesterday.

THE FOOTLIGHTS.

Young Actress Takes Poison in the Bitterness of Despair.

FACED WITH STARVATION.

Singularly sad is the story of the suicide of Miss Elizabeth Charlotte Redin, a comely young actress, of twenty-five years of age, who took poison in the street outside the General Post Office and died a few hours later in St. Bartholomew's Hospital.

After hearing the evidence given before Dr. F. J. Waldo at the City coroner's court yesterday, the jury returned a verdict to the effect that the actress had been driven to death by want.

Miss Redin's sister, Miss Ethel Redin, of New Bond-street, a private nurse, stated that on Wednesday evening last she received a letter from her sister as follows:—

I will probably have taken poison or run away, or done something, before this letter comes. You cannot wonder at it. The Coroner (to witness): Had your sister any worry?—She could not get any work.

No Work, No Money.

The landlady of the house where Miss Redin lodged stated that she had had no employment since before Christmas.

Evidence was given by Vincent Bailey, a commercial traveller, of Fools Croy, that about eight o'clock on Thursday evening he saw Miss Redin leaning against one of the letter-boxes under the portico of the General Post Office, St. Martin's-le-Grand. She was groaning. She said that she had taken poison.

Walking along Roman Bath-street, near the Post Office, a City constable said he found two bottles lying on the pavement. The corks were out. The bottles had contained carbolic acid.

The jury returned a verdict of Suicide whilst of unsound mind, and added a rider in favour of a standard poison bottle.

In Mrs. Campbell's Company.

To the *Daily Mirror* yesterday the dead actress's landlady said:—

"The poor girl had been with me for over twelve months, and during the whole of that time I never had a single fault to find with her, except in the fact that she was owing me money."

"But I knew that if she were possessed of any means I should have been paid at once. Why, one morning, when she received a cheque for £50, she called me at once, and paid all that she owed. And the same thing happened again once when a £20 cheque was sent her."

"Since she came to me she had played with Mrs. Patrick Campbell just previous to her present American tour, and she had also played in 'The Admirable Crichton' when it was on tour."

"A friend had invited her to spend Easter in Scotland, and she had arranged to go on Thursday night."

"On the same evening, at about ten o'clock, after Miss Redin had taken poison, I received a letter from her telling me not to worry about the £21 which she owed me, for 'it would be paid shortly.'"

IMPROMPTU ELOPEMENT.

Wife Goes Off with a Lover and Two Vans of Furniture.

The story of a wife's dramatic elopement was told yesterday to the magistrate at the South-Western Police Court.

George Holyoake said he lived a month ago on affectionate terms with his wife in Palmerston-road, Battersea. On March 25 he left in the morning as usual, arranging to meet his wife in the evening, but when he got home he found she had gone off with the furniture in two vans, and a sum of money.

The errant wife was traced to an hotel at Gravesend, living with John Barnes, a general dealer.

The two were remanded yesterday on a charge of stealing money and furniture.

DEATH FROM A SCRATCH.

Merely scratched on the hand by a rusty nail while playing, the three-year-old son of Captain S. Craigie Messum, of the Royal Naval College, Greenwich, died from lockjaw ten days afterwards. At the inquest yesterday it was stated that the wound apparently healed before tetanus set in.

EX-POLICEMAN HANGED.

John Foster, pensioner, of the Irish Constabulary, was hanged at Cork yesterday for murdering a fellow-lodger named Regan last December.

Regan's body was found in the River Lee, and Foster, wearing bloodstained clothes, was arrested while trying to pawn his victim's watch and chain.

"Stalking" Mendicants Who Trade on Holiday Generosity.

Beggars share with railway officials, caterers, and amusement providers the distinction of working especially hard during other people's holiday time.

How very busy beggars can make themselves at Easter was shown at Bow-street Police Court yesterday, when a procession of mendicants passed for judgment before Mr. Marsham.

In appearance the beggars had much in common. But in their excuses they varied.

One had just finished selling out his stock of matches, and was proceeding quietly home, when the constable tapped him on the shoulder. Another merely shut a cab door; he had never asked anybody for a halfpenny in his life.

A third wished for "another chance." If he got it he would leave London and transfer himself to Salisbury.

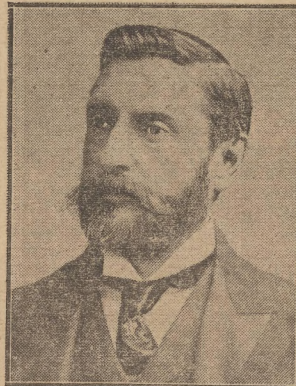
A fourth had been "racing" all day, and returned to town with 4s. in his pocket, to be suddenly taken into custody for some reason only known to the police.

The evidence of the latter, however, showed that in every case holiday-makers who are generously disposed, from various causes, on holiday evenings, had been invited to show their generosity to the beggars.

"You have been locked up for some time," said Mr. Marsham to those beggars who were making their first appearance at Bow-street. "You will be discharged."

But the beggars who were recognised as having visited the court before did not get off so lightly.

MR. RIDER HAGGARD,



Who returns to England to-day after having made investigations in Canada as to the advantages of emigration to that country. He has taken a favourable view of the Salvation Army's emigration colony. —(Russell.)

NOBODY'S BUSINESS.

Visit to South Africa Caused the Vagaries of the Old Ladies of Blean.

"It's not our business." These words, spoken by a resident of Blean, near Canterbury, explain why the two demented Miss Brownings were allowed to live alone year after year in ever-increasing squalor and misery, haunted by fears of imaginary men.

It is known that they have one relative living within a few miles, at Whitstable. But he is over ninety.

Not long since he called on the two ladies, and exhorted the elder to live a more rational and wholesome life.

The builder who, two years ago, erected the tiny stucco cottage shown in the photograph on page 11, says he had no idea that it was to serve as a prison.

It is stated that Caroline, the younger sister, never left the place from that day till last week, when the asylum people called for her. She was then so enfeebled in body and mind that she had to be carried out.

Before they lived at Blean the sisters visited South Africa, and it is said that the love affair, the rumoured cause of the elder sister's madness, occurred in connection with this South African visit.

HERMIT NO MORE.

Windsor Forest's youthful hermit was found in the woods exhausted through hunger, and taken to the infirmary yesterday.

He is a young man named Stanley Wootton, who was discharged from the royal schools for truancy.

Taking to the woods, he lived in solitude for some years subsisting chiefly on rabbits and wild fruits.

Doubt Thrown on Identification by Finger Print.

MYSTERIOUS "EXPERT."

The system of identifying prisoners by their finger-prints, observed with notable success by Scotland Yard, was gravely challenged yesterday at the closing stage of the police court inquiry into the Deptford tragedy.

Mr. Budden, who appeared for the brothers Alfred and Albert Stratton—the men charged with the murder of the old couple, Thomas Farrow and his wife—desired the case to be postponed.

"The most important evidence, according to the police," he said, "was the evidence of the finger-print. Inspector Collins stated that the imprint on the cash-box corresponded with the right thumb of Alfred Stratton."

"I might, if I had a favourable opportunity, bring as a witness a gentleman recognised as an authority in the finger-print science who would say that the system in vogue at Scotland Yard is based on error, and is a system that is a positive danger to the public."

"I would therefore ask for the case to be adjourned a week."

After further conversation, Mr. Budden said: I support my application for a remand on the ground I have not had sufficient time to consider whether I ought to put the accused into the witness-box.

The Magistrate: It seems to me, Mr. Budden, you have had sufficient time.

Knowledge of Thumb Rule.

Mr. Budden: As regards the finger-prints I had to wait until I heard what Inspector Collins said. He has a knowledge of thumb rule.

Mr. Muir (significantly): Very appropriate knowledge!

Mr. Budden: Yes, in view of what the police say.

The Magistrate: You must tell me whom your scientific witness?

Mr. Budden handed up a letter with the gentleman's name for the magistrate's private inspection.

Mr. Baggallay: I cannot consent to an adjournment. Any faddist may write offering to give evidence. Do you propose to call the prisoners?

Mr. Budden consulted with the accused, who finally decided not to give evidence, and, reserving their defence, they were committed for trial.

As the men were led away, they beckoned to an elderly woman in court, who immediately burst into tears. The identity of the woman was not disclosed.

The humorous feature of the case was furnished by P.-c. Gaul's cross-examination. This officer said he knew Cromarty, one of the chief witnesses, very well.

Mr. Budden: Without wishing to be offensive, do you know her intimately?

Witness: Very well.

Mr. Budden: At the last hearing she called you "Billy." (Loud laughter.) The officer blushed bashfully.

"You are looked upon as a terror by these women?"

Witness, hardly knowing whether to take it as a compliment or not, murmured he could not say.

Even the accused enjoyed the situation.

SECOND TOO LATE.

Witness Faints Whilst Telling Graphic Story of His Friend's Death.

A very graphic account of the boating accident at London Bridge, in which Henry Saunders, a young omnibus conductor, of Camberwell, was drowned, was given by his companion at the inquest yesterday.

This man—Ernest Albert Head—was also an omnibus conductor, and seemed so affected by his friend's death that he fainted twice whilst giving his evidence.

He related how he and Saunders, when nearing London Bridge, were drifting near the barges and were in danger of being sucked down.

"We moved to one side of the boat," he said, "and tried to right it, but the suction of the pontoon drew the boat down stern first."

"I turned round and sprang forward and landed on the top of the pontoon."

"At the same moment I called out, 'Jim, spring,' but on turning round after I landed I saw that my chum had missed his spring."

HE UNDERSTOOD ENOUGH.

"Me only know 'Buy one. Very nice, very cheap," declared Alhadi Rabah, an Algerian dealer in rags, in reply to the Bow-street magistrate's inquiry whether he knew English.

"Do you admit that you were drunk?"

"Oh, yes," said the prisoner.

"Don't say again that you do not understand English," remarked the magistrate as he fined the culprit five shillings.

Striking Revival in Brutal Crimes of Organised Violence.

Hooliganism has been flaunting itself with audacious and studied brutality during the Easter holidays. Law and order has been set aside and police authority defied in the most brazen fashion.

Disgraceful scenes were witnessed at Epping Forest on Bank Holiday afternoon.

About fifty young ruffians started a free fight of a desperate character. Stones were thrown, glasses hurled through the air, and many heads were laid open.

Some of the combatants were so severely hurt that the services of the St. John Ambulance Corps were requisitioned.

The arrival of several constables on the scene was the signal for a cessation of hostilities, but when the police proceeded to march four of the fighters off to the station, the mob followed them with angry denunciations, and commenced to hurl bricks and other missiles at the officers.

At Stratford Police Court yesterday one man was sentenced to fourteen days' hard labour, and several others fined 5s. and costs.

Whilst quelling a row in Pentonville-road among twenty young hooligans on Bank Holiday night P.C. Garroy was struck from behind, and, when on the ground, was kicked about the head amid cries of "Do 'im in!"

The constable had four teeth loosened and many cuts on the head and scalp.

Six young men, all under twenty, were remanded at the Clerkenwell Police Court, Garroy being too ill to attend.

The increase in this form of lawlessness has greatly impressed Mr. Paul Taylor, the Marlborough magistrate, who yesterday gave vent to his feelings in regard to the matter.

He directed Inspector Hopper to see that constables patrolled the district—Shirland-road, Paddington—and suggested the best means to stop the nuisance would be the capture of these people in batches of from fifty to sixty.

SELF-ACCUSED.

Two Men "Confess" to Crimes the Police Cannot Trace.

Two remarkable confessions of murder have just been made—one to the police at Tunstall, Staffordshire, and the other at Bow-street.

John Belyer walked into the Tunstall Police Station and said that in August last, during a water carnival at Clough Hall, he murdered Clara Cassey, a member of a troupe of dancers, in a thick wood in the grounds.

Police inquiries have as yet afforded no confirmation of the man's statement.

It was late on Bank Holiday when a man entered Bow-street Police Station, desiring to be charged with the murder of a young woman at St. Albans. He has since stated that the confession was the outcome of a drunken freak.

TERRIBLE AWAKENING.

Husband Charged with Pouring Ammonia Down His Sleeping Wife's Throat.

Very serious is the charge against William Herbert Lucas, thirty-seven, an engineer, who lived with his wife, Amelia Gertrude Lucas, at 7, Parker's-road, Dockhead.

Mrs. Lucas is now lying very ill at Guy's Hospital suffering from acute pneumonia and burns on her cheek and tongue, caused by ammonia which her husband is charged with pouring into her mouth while she slept.

In his statement to the police Lucas said: "I asked her to have some whisky, and she said, 'I don't want your whisky, give it to your mother.'"

"That riled me, and I said, 'If you won't have a drop of whisky, have a smell of this.' I took an ammonia-bottle off the mantelpiece and put it under her nose, and some was spilt on her cheek."

In her deposition at the hospital the wife said that she was awakened by her husband pressing a cloth over her mouth, and she bit his hand. Mrs. Lucas added that she hoped the police would not lock him up.

BIRTH—MARRIAGE—DEATH.

A curious combination of circumstances are associated with the death, from heart disease, of Thomas Elwood, a young waterside labourer, at Horsley Down on Sunday.

It was explained at yesterday's inquest that on the day named Elwood's brother had been married, his wife had given birth to a child, and he, after dancing and playing a mouth-organ, dropped down dead.

In one of the carriages of the eleven a.m. train arriving at Ashford from Hastings yesterday, the dead body of a gentleman was found. A card bearing the name Edward Beeson, Icklesham, Wincelsea, was discovered in his possession.

FATAL CURSE OF BEAUTY.

Nan Patterson's Growing Influence

Over "Cæsar" Young.

DOUBLE LIFE IN NEW YORK

In the preceding chapters we have told something of the extraordinary life-story of Nan Patterson, the American "Floradora" girl, who is being tried in New York for the murder of "Cæsar" Young, a bookmaker.

In 1902 Nan Patterson, while playing in San Francisco, attracted a young Californian rancher. After leading him on she finally refused to marry him, and the unfortunate fellow committed suicide. The following day Nan left for a holiday at Los Angeles, and while on the journey met "Cæsar" Young, who invited her to go to the races at Los Angeles with him.

Young was warned by some friends of the girl's reputation, but took no heed. Gradually he fell under the influence of her beauty, and before she returned to San Francisco he was completely in her power.

CHAPTER IV.

A Double Life.

Thenceforth "Cæsar" Young was a changed man. His old haunts, his old associates, knew him no longer. Nan Patterson had made another victim.

At the end of a week she insisted, in spite of his entreaties, in returning to San Francisco.

"I will stay with 'Floradora' until the end of the season," she said. The girl was wise enough to see that Young's infatuation might in its present form be merely a passing fancy. Accordingly, she played with the man, declared she could not give up all her old friends, and tantalised him by openly avowing her preference for another man.

But one night there came a change. They were taking supper together at his hotel. Hitherto she had refused all the presents he had endeavoured to force upon her. That evening, however, the girl treated him differently. He noticed that the only jewellery she wore was the single-stone diamond ring he had bought with the money he had won for her on the Los Angeles racecourse.

"Nan," he whispered, and produced a magnificent pearl necklace from a case, "won't you wear this?"

Nan Patterson took the pearls in her hand and let them drop slowly through her fingers, a radiant shower. "I am afraid to wear them," she said softly, "pearls mean tears, you know. And—and—'Cæsar,' she murmured, "I care a little now. I have never known before what it meant to think of one man, and one man alone."

A strange light gleamed in the man's eyes as she spoke. "Do you mean," he said slowly, "that you care for me?"

The girl raised her wonderful eyes a moment. "Yes," she whispered.

Feared His Wife's Influence.

"I'll come to New York, too," she declared when he told her he must go East for a few days; "I won't be in the way."

Then commenced the dual life which was to lead in the end to Young's death. He furnished a magnificent suite of apartments for the girl, a few miles from the city. He visited her daily, and rarely came without some extravagant gift.

Towards the end of October he brought her one day a beautiful set of sables.

"Oh, how good you are," she cried, her arms about him; "but, dear, I can't wear those, you know, in the street cars. It would look absurd."

"We can soon change that, Nannie," he said, and went out and bought a smart little single brougham.

He pleaded with her once to go to Europe. "You go by one boat," he said, "and I will follow by the next."

But Nan would not leave New York. "No," she said, "not this year; next we will go, and you shall show me Paris and London."

Then, presently, as was bound to happen, "Cæsar" Young's second establishment began to be talked about in the clubs and at the race meetings.

Mrs. Young Speaks.

It reached Mrs. Young's ears, and finally she spoke to her husband of the rumour she had heard. She was devoted to him, and even assisted him considerably in his financial operations.

At first Young denied the charge, but in the end admitted the truth of the report.

Mrs. Young neither upbraided her husband nor suggested leaving him.

"Dear," she said, "don't you think if we went away together for awhile you would forget this girl?"

But the man was obdurate. He was ashamed of himself, but the infatuation was still as strong as ever. "Get a divorce if you like," he said.

Mrs. Young refused. "One day," she said, "you will forget this girl and come back to me. I shall wait for that day."

(To be continued.)

INTERESTING NEWS ITEMS.

In ten months the sparrow club at Tattingstone, near Ipswich, has accounted for 12,339 birds and eggs.

Profits on the gas and electricity undertakings will, it is expected, reduce Rochdale's rates twopence in the pound this year.

Addressing a class of young women at a Birkenhead educational institution, a speaker advised his hearers to go out and "become fishers of men."

On No. 1, Orme-square, Bayswater, the London County Council intend placing a tablet to commemorate the residence there of Sir Rowland Hill, the introducer of penny postage.

For his heroic efforts in life-saving, the Rev. D. Lloyd Williams, who lives on the rockbound coast of Anglesey, at Llanrhyddlad, has been presented with a handsome watch and medal.

In a gamekeeper's lodge at Hill Place, Swanmore, Hampshire, a robin has built a nest on a shelf in a bedroom, and passes in and out undisturbed by the movements of the occupants of the house.

Sagacity on the part of a dog at Thornaby-on-Tees, saved his master's life. A fire broke out in the kitchen and the man was alone in the house asleep upstairs. The faithful animal woke him by licking his face.

Beside the nest on which a buff Orpington hen belonging to Mr. J. Whitefield, of Newport, was sitting, a large dead rat was found. The hen, in defence of its eggs, had pecked out one of the rodent's eyes, and attacked it until it died.

George Walker, a Lanarkshire school janitor, is claimant to a fortune of £50,000 left by a Manchester manufacturer named Hall to his two sisters. Mr. Walker says that one of the latter was his grandmother.

Every week for fifty-five years Mr. Richard Brooks, of Sheepwash, who has just retired, attended the Okehampton (Devon) market.

Possessing two heads on one neck, a curved backbone, and three legs on one side of its body, a calf died soon after birth at Beech House Farm, Preston.

Attracted by the screams of an Accrington boy named Howarth, who was sinking in the mud off a filter-bed, Rose Cave, a Baxenden (Lancs) girl of fourteen years, pluckily effected his rescue.

Soon after the interval a player named Hutchings had three of his ribs fractured in a football match at Penarth. Although in great pain Hutchings courageously kept the field till the end of the match.

Overcome with fatigue after breaking into the United Methodist Free Church, Birkenhead (Yorkshire), James Cain, a discharged soldier, fell asleep in the pulpit. Here he was captured by the caretaker next morning.

Fifteen vagrants were resting peacefully in the Maritime Brick Works, Pontypridd, when the police made a raid on them. Twelve were marched off to the station in batches of four, all handcuffed together. Crowds of people watched the procession.

LANDSLIDE AT WELLINGBOROUGH.



The inhabitants of Wellingborough were much alarmed by a landslide which happened during the night and was accompanied by a noise like thunder. The main road to Northampton, on which the people in this photograph are seen standing, has been endangered by the collapse. Great fissures have appeared beneath the road, and it is feared that another landslide will follow.

Through 3in. of concrete and 2in. of asphalt, at Portsmouth, a fungoid growth has forced its way, attaining a height of 9in.

"Cutting" in the licensed trade at Ormskirk (Lancs.) is still resorted to, and beer for outdoor consumption is now being sold at a penny a pint.

"Children spend their pennies on cigarettes and sweets, instead of giving them to the oratories for which they are intended," says the vicar of St. Paul's, Ramsey.

Sittingbourne (Kent) Co-operative Society have built at a cost of £5,000 one of the finest bakeries in the South of England. Most of the co-operative societies in the county were represented at the opening.

Messrs. R. Stokes and Company, Sherborne-road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham, on whose premises a violent explosion took place, are bedstead manufacturers, not screw and bolt makers, as reported.

Out of revenge because he had been ejected from a Blackpool lodging-house, an Irishman proceeded to break seventeen windows with a hammer. "I'll have my fourpennyworth," he said, that being the amount he had paid for his bed. He was fined 42s. 6d.

Remarkable allegations were made by Archdeacon Donne at a Wakefield vestry meeting. Some gentlemen, he said, had bribed people to be present and vote for them, and he was confident that many had not attended of their own free will. If any but ratepayers voted he would have them prosecuted.

England's oldest Congregational minister, the Rev. Thomas Lord, of Horncastle, has entered upon his ninety-eighth year.

One Easter marriage at Stockport was marred by a tragic incident, the mother of the bridegroom expiring suddenly on the arrival of the wedding-party from church.

John Malsbury Elliott, author of "Fifty Years of Foxhunting with the Grafton and Other Packs," whose death is announced, was a famous huntsman. He piloted King Edward at Bradden (Northants), also the ex-Queen of Naples, and the late Empress of Austria.

Great interest is being taken by the Marchioness of Londonderry in raising a fund to purchase a gift from Ireland to H.M.S. Hibernia, the latest and largest battleship, to be launched at Devonport on June 17. The presentation will include a ship's bell, with silver crown and bracket, and silver challenge shield.

Reminiscent of the fifteenth century, the ceremony called "Riding the Black Knight," or "Blake Lad," is still kept up at Easter at Ashton-under-Lyne. The "knight's" duty is to ride round the manor lands and see that tenants used all possible means to extirpate a destructive weed that impoverished the land.

Welcome variation in the customary official phraseology was provided at the meeting of the Mile End Guardians. A report from the superintendent of the schools appeared on the agenda, stating that Miss —, one of the nurses, had left the service of the board as "she was about to enter matrimonial bliss."

PIGMIES FROM CENTRAL AFRICA.

Photographs of Men Only Four Feet in Height.

TO-DAY'S ILLUSTRATIONS.

Never before have such strange human beings as those shown in our photographs on pages 1 and 8 been brought into a civilised country. For several years past explorers who have travelled in Central Africa have described the uncanny dwarfs who inhabit the dense forests near the Equator. We have become familiar with their descriptions, which sounded at first as though they had come from an eerie romance or a child's story-book, but now for the first time a number of the pigmies have been brought into Egypt, and it is hoped that they will shortly arrive in England.

The four male pigmies who appear in our photographs were found by Colonel Harrison, the well-known explorer of Africa. Beside the four men he persuaded two women to leave their native wilds, but on the party arriving at Cairo, where our photographs were taken, the women were at once taken to hospital, the long journey and change of climate having made them seriously ill.

NEVER LIVE BEYOND FORTY.

At first sight the photographs look like those of native boys, but all are grown men. The youngest is only eighteen, but the pigmies seldom live to more than forty years, and at eighteen they are fully developed. The oldest of the men, who has a slight beard, is thirty-four. Their heights vary between 3ft. 8in. and 4ft. 6in., the latter being a height seldom exceeded among the pigmies.

WARLIKE LITTLE PEOPLE.

The colonel says that he found the pigmies friendly, and he gained their confidence without any great difficulty, but they are a very warlike little people, and a week before he left they attacked a caravan belonging to the Congo Government, killing seventeen porters.

They live in small villages, each of which is ruled by an independent chief. Their huts are made chiefly of sticks and leaves, and they wear hardly any clothing.

Colonel Harrison hopes to bring the pigmies on to England, but he is at present waiting for permission. The Foreign Office telegraphed to Cairo asking Lord Cromer if the little folk were healthy and wished to come to England. The committee of medical men who examined them were divided in opinion as to whether the climate of England would be likely to affect the health of the pigmies, and so for the present they are staying at Cairo. But it is hoped that they may be brought to this country when our weather has improved.

IN HONOUR OF ST. GEORGE.

On St. George's Day the 2nd Northumberland Fusiliers at Aldershot, the only regiment in the British Army that celebrates the festival, turned out en fête. The colours, decked with garlands of red and white roses, were brought on parade. All ranks wore red and white roses in their busbies, and the drums were covered with flowers.

Great interest was evinced in the third colour brought on parade, carried by the smallest drummer, who is shown in our photograph on page 9, at the top of the column. This is the drummers' colour, carried to commemorate the gallantry of some of the drummers in the war against France, when they captured one of the enemy's eagles, and it is only shown on St. George's Day.

EXTRADITION HARDSHIP.

Troupe Leader in Custody for Debts That Have Been Paid.

Some remarkable facts were mentioned by Mr. Wilson at Bow-street yesterday in his application for bail on behalf of Leon Kronan, whose extradition has been asked for on a charge of embezzlement in Austria-Hungary.

It was pointed out that Kronan was manager of "The Lads in Blue" troupe of twenty-two Americans appearing at the Hippodrome. These would be thrown out of employment if Kronan lost his contract, as he was likely to do by being kept in custody.

Mr. Wilson stated he had received a communication from Buda-Pesth stating that all the claims had been settled, and that the official receipts were now on their way to this country.

"This charge dates back five years, and since then the prisoner has reported himself every year in connection with his military training.

"Now that he has secured an engagement in London they pouce upon him and jeopardise his contract."

The man disputed the claims at the time, but had since paid them all with 5 per cent. interest.

The magistrate again remanded Kronan, and said he would take bail for him in two sureties of £500 each.

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THE START OF THE INNINGS.

ALTHOUGH the cricket season can hardly be said to have properly begun, the arrival of the Australian team in England to-day will turn the thoughts of every true Englishman towards the coming struggle, which it is to be hoped will be a keen one, between Australia and the Mother Country.

At the present moment one conceives the spirit of cricket as carefully inspecting the county club and other pitches where so many historic battles have been fought in the past, but in a few more days work—or, rather, play—will have begun in earnest, and the genius of the game will be presiding over the first rounds in the championship.

Even if just now it looks as if men in the outfield might have to wear fur coats in order that they may not be frozen to death at their posts, we have the splendid example before us of the players at the Oval, who have scorned to make use of any of the comforts generally provided for the use of Arctic explorers.

But it is when the weather gets warm enough to render a seat at the Oval or at Lord's a pleasant and desirable place that the public enthusiasm begins to show itself. Then shall we see all eyes turned upon the contestants in the Test matches and "ashes"—figuratively speaking, of course—will be in every one's mouth.

They are splendid fellows, these Australians, who have travelled many thousands of miles in order to be taught something more of cricket than they learned at the hands of Warner's team. It is a little saddening to think of their departure at the end of the season, defeated, though not disgraced, but for the honour of England we must put all thoughts of mercy away from us.

Our duty as a nation is to beat everybody who challenges our supremacy on the playing-fields by as many runs as possible, and we have been rather lax about it in the past. That is all the more reason why we should be stern and uncompromising in the future. We must not do the respect of our Colonies, and we cannot do it better than by defeating them on the pitch as frequently and as decisively as possible.

DRUGS AND DRUG MANIACS.

A leading medical paper calls attention to the fact that drug habits of various kinds are on the increase. Medical papers are always doing this, but so far little visible good has resulted, unless one includes the fact that certain people are periodically moved to clamour for further restrictions upon the sale of morphine, cocaine, and other alkaloids.

Now, however elaborate the restrictions devised by a paternal Legislature may be, we have to face the fact that the morphine maniac, clamouring for a dose of the poison which is daily bringing him or her nearer to insanity or death, invariably manages to get it. There are so many loopholes by means of which the law may be avoided. A sleeping draught once ordered, the prescription remains in the patient's possession, and the obliging chemist, on the understanding that his client is "going abroad," makes up a dozen bottles or so at a time. If he refuses he may put his client to the inconvenience of going round to a dozen chemists, and getting a bottle from each.

Then, again, there is the unscrupulous doctor. Every profession has its black sheep, so the procuring of a prescription at any time should be easy and cheap enough.

There are two real remedies for drug taking. One is to shut up the victim in a home; the other is to try and do away with the artificial conditions of life, the nervous strain of which is responsible for the habit. Unfortunately the world is very slow to move in either of these directions.

A THOUGHT FOR TO-DAY.

A man always is to be the judge how much of his mind he will show to other men.—*Carlyle*.

THIS MORNING'S GOSSIP.

THIS is to be a week of very interesting weddings. Yesterday Lady Gertrude Molyneux, the elder sister of Lord Sefton, was married, in the north, to Captain J. H. Crawford. To-morrow was the day fixed for the wedding of Lord Malmesbury and the Hon. Dorothy Calthorpe, Lord Calthorpe's youngest daughter, who is only just twenty; and also for that of the Duke of Buccleuch's fourth son, Lord Herbert Scott, and Miss Edwards, a niece of Mr. George Edwards. On Thursday also the long-expected wedding of Lady Evelyn Hely-Hutchinson, the sister of Lord Donoughmore, and Captain Farquhar is to take place.

The marriage of Lord Herbert Scott and Miss Edwards is a particularly interesting one. The Duke of Buccleuch, the bridegroom's father, holds one of the most important positions in the aristocracy. He is the owner of enormous landed estates in Scotland, and his wife, a daughter of the first

Duke of Abercorn, has been Mistress of the Robes to two Queens of England. She was therefore a very prominent figure at the Coronation. I remember, by the way, that she lost a most valuable bracelet during the ceremony in Westminster Abbey. It dropped on to another peeress's robes, was folded up and put away with them when the function was over, and was only discovered when the robes were unfolded again weeks afterwards.

More tradesmen generally find Princes rather elusive customers. That has certainly been the experience of the Italian jeweller who is about to bring an action against Prince Danilo, the Crown Prince of Montenegro, to whom he sold £1,200 worth of jewellery, which is now returned, as he maintains, in a very damaged condition, without ever having been paid for. Prince Danilo belongs to a very interesting family, and is himself by no means an insignificant person. The little Principate of Montenegro—that "rough rock throne of freedom," as Tennyson called it—is governed by

Danilo's father, Nicholas I. His is a people little bothered by trade and wealth and over-population, and all such things which succeed in making bigger nations so powerful and so unhappy.

The capital, Cetinje, is a little village, with under 2,000 inhabitants, set in the midst of the wild Montenegrin hills. The Crown Prince's "palace" is a rough-looking, two-storied house right at the edge of the town. Sometimes, in the winter, the wolves come down into his garden, and he is surrounded by no very astounding luxury. The royal family are very remarkable people. They spend a good deal of their time in quarrelling. Danilo is perpetually at loggerheads with his younger brother, Prince Mirko, who is more robust than he, handsomer, too, and of whom he is consequently jealous. His sisters have all made excellent matches, and one of them, the Princess Helen, is now the Queen of Italy.

Nihilists and Anarchists apparently thrive out in the wilds as much as in the crowded communities of the West, since Lord Charles Kennedy, who owns a good deal of land in Wyoming, has been very worried lately by the threatening, anonymous letters which these gentlemen use to express their dislike of property and wealth. Lord Charles is the second son of the present Lord Ailsa's first marriage. The story of Lord Ailsa's second marriage is well worth recalling. He had felt the death of his first wife, the very philanthropic daughter of Lord Blantyre, so much that his health was affected, and he went, for a change of air and scene, to India.

When he embarked for the homeward journey a friend who saw him off from Bombay asked him to look after a poor, friendless girl, a Miss Isabella MacMaster, who was travelling amongst the second-class passengers. This was the only daughter of a Scottish gardener, or perhaps I should call him "agricultural expert," who had died out in India, whither he had gone to advise the Government as to the management of certain tea plantations out there. Lord Ailsa fell in love with this quiet, dignified girl "at first sight."

By the time they had reached Malta he had asked her to marry him. For some time she refused to listen to him. "I am not fit to be a marchioness," she said, and for several days she remained in her cabin, her admirer seeing nothing of her. At last persistence, as usual, was rewarded, and she consented to become his wife. As a marchioness, contrary to her own prediction, Lady Ailsa has been an acknowledged success. Her step-children are devoted to her, and she has brought her husband two children, a boy and a girl, of her own.

It is perhaps superfluous to wish Dr. Yorke-Davies, the well-known specialist on obesity, many happy returns of the day on this, his sixty-first birthday, since he believes that one can determine more or less definitely oneself, by what one eats and how one eats it, whether one shall have many happy birthdays or not. For many years Dr. Yorke-Davies has been giving over-fed people "Aids to Long Life," and waging war against unnecessary flesh. As a nation indeed, collectively, we may be said to weigh much less than we should have done if Dr. Yorke-Davies had never come into the world.

Has he ever tried, I wonder, to discover exactly by how much he has reduced our national bulk, or rather, the bulk of our aristocracy? To teach the "luxurious class" not to overeat—that has been his important mission. Some of his patients prefer the food and the fat together, but those whom he can prevail upon to give up one are almost always relieved of the other. He is like the doctor in that thrilling book, "Sandford and Merton," who made his fat patients stay at his house, and gave them dinner of hot water in place of soup, of dried figs instead of entree, and of dry brown bread as a slender "piece of resistance."

The Bishop of Southampton, the Right Rev. James Macarthur, who is to perform the picturesque ceremony of consecrating a boat—the Missions to Seamen row-boat—at Southampton Docks to-day, has done his most valuable work in India. He went out there while still comparatively young, and laboured with immense energy against the famine, the poverty, and the infidelity of natives in Ceylon. Later he became Bishop of Bombay. Few Englishmen can stand hard work and the Indian climate combined, however, and repeated attacks of malarial fever forced Dr. Macarthur to relinquish his post in India two years ago.

IN MY GARDEN.

APRIL 25.—That part of the garden intended to be gay in springtime is now just at its best. Early daffodils may be drooping a little, but tulips, forget-me-nots, rock-crests, primroses, polyanthus, daisies, are in their full beauty. Violas, pansies, wallflowers quickly are waking.

The amateur, probably now on his holidays, should keep his eyes open, for much can be learnt from "other men's gardens."

The colour grouping in many of our public parks is very cleverly done. To-day I saw a lovely bed of pale pink tulips. They rose from a snowy carpet of double rock-crests. How nice this would look in Trafalgar-square! E. F. T.

BOATING SEASON OPENS: HINTS TO OARSMEN.



1. It is impossible to overload a boat; it will hold as many as can get into it.
2. Do not fail to change places every few minutes; it relieves the monotony.
3. Do not pay any attention to steamers or other craft; it is their business to get out of your way.
4. Boats have no centre of gravity.

A MAN OF THE MOMENT.

Sir Charles Metcalfe.

SCATTERED all over the world are Englishmen who, without shyness or fuss, quietly or advertisement, are doing the great work of the world.

One of them, Sir Charles Metcalfe, is on his way to England from Africa for a short holiday. He is the man who is building the Cape-to-Cairo railway and carrying out Mr. Rhodes's great project. He has already bridged the Zambesi, and so performed one of the greatest engineering feats of the century.

It is typical of him that he is coming home unheralded and unnoticed. He, personally, is almost hidden behind the great task he has undertaken. He just does the work and seeks no credit for it.

And there is nothing about him to attract attention. He is just like thousands of other Englishmen: one meets scattered over the face of the earth. Largely built, heavy moustache, broad-shouldered, straight-backed, well-tanned, regular-featured—the sort of man one expects to see under a sun-helmet. He might be an Indian colonel, or a West Indian judge, or a British pro-consul in any distant colony.

But he knows more about the building of railways than anyone else alive—at least so Mr. Rhodes used to say when anyone wanted to ask questions on the subject.

One morning Englishmen will wake up and see in their papers that the Cape-to-Cairo railway is an accomplished fact. Then they will either make a hero of him or they will merely mutter "At last! What a long time it has taken."

The man who has built it will not mind. He will have done the work he set out to do. That is all he wants.

A POEM YOU OUGHT TO KNOW.

To Daffodils.

Fair daffodils, we weep to see
You haste away so soon;
As yet the early-rising sun
Has not attained his noon.

Stay, stay,
Until the hasting day
Has run
But to the even-song;
And, having prayed together, we
Will go with you along.

We have short time to stay, as you,
We have as short a spring;
As quick a growth to meet decay,
As you, or anything.

We die
As your hours do, and dry
Away,
Like to the summer's rain;
Or as the pearls of morning's dew,
Ne'er to be found again.

HERICK (1591-1634).

RATHER EMBARRASSING!

A Sunday-school superintendent, who was proved to be a draper, and who was teaching a class of little tots, asked when he had finished explaining the lesson, "Now, has anyone a question to ask?" A very small girl raised her hand. "What is it, Martha?" asked the superintendent. "Why, Mr. Brooks, how much are those little red parrots in your window?"—*Birmingham Pictorial and Dart*.

NEWS

HIS FORTIETH SEASON.



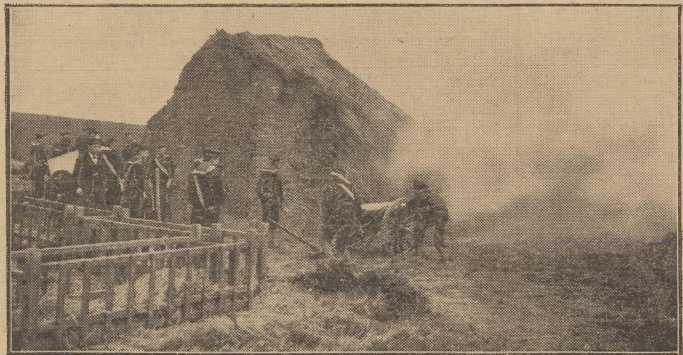
Dr. W. G. Grace, who has been playing first-class cricket since he was seventeen, made his first appearance at the Oval this season as captain of the Gentlemen of England. This photograph shows the veteran about to commence his innings, during which he made twelve runs.

SOLDIERS AS ENGINE DRIVERS.



During the Italian railway strike, which has crippled all traffic in Italy for a considerable time, soldiers have sometimes been put to drive engines. Here a party of them are seen about to start a train from Milan.

MEN OF THE BUZZARD AT EASTBOURNE.



London's Royal Naval Volunteers taking part in the Easter manoeuvres at Eastbourne. They are here seen shelling Triston Hill from the valley.

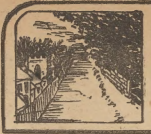
SKETCHING ST. PAUL'S CATHEDRAL FROM A CARRIAGE IN FLEET STREET.



Paying no attention to the banter of passers-by, a fair artist kept her carriage standing for over half an hour in Fleet-street on Monday while she made a sketch of St. Paul's Cathedral.



The incident would only have been possible on a Bank Holiday, when there is very little traffic in Fleet-street, and even at such a time it attracted a good deal of attention.



PIGMIES



Pigmies brought to England. They are known as the 'Pigmies of the East'.

THE KING



During his visit to Fleet-street, the King was seen between Fleet-street and the Strand, but, judging from the number of people taken, it was a very short time.

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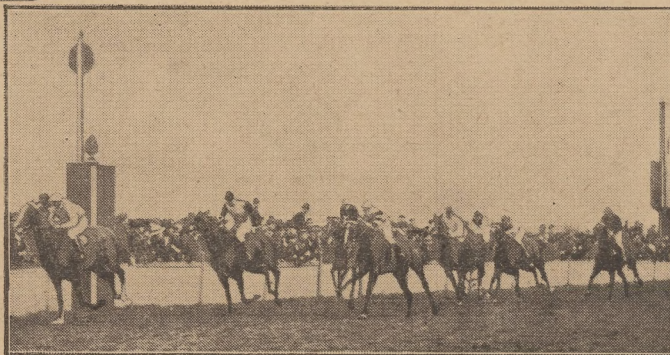
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ENGINE WRECKS AN OFFICE.



Owing to the brakes failing to act, this goods engine ran away down an incline near Stourbridge Station on the Great Western Railway, and dashed into the goods office. The office was wrecked, and but for the clerks being away on their Easter holidays many must have been injured.

THE RACE FOR THE QUEEN'S PRIZE.



The finish of the race for the Queen's Prize at Kempton Park. Mr. L. Robinson's Glenamoy, ridden by Bullock, winning by two lengths from the favourite, Sansovino.

MOTOR CARNIVAL AT WORTHING.



Mr. Warne, president of the motor carnival which took place at Worthing during the Easter holidays. The town was crowded with decorated cars and cycles, many of the drivers being in fancy-dress.

VIEWS

IN HONOUR OF ST. GEORGE.



The smallest drummer-boy of the Northumberland Fusiliers, carrying the third colour, at the annual regimental celebration of St. George's Day, at Aldershot.—(See page 6.)

HANSOM CAB MYSTERY.



Miss Nan Patterson, who is charged in New York with having murdered "Caesar" Young in a hansom cab.—(See page 6.)

FREAK DINNERS TO ADVERTISE.

**Absurd Entertainments on Which
Mr. Hyde and other American
Millionaires Spend Fortunes.**

The freaks of American millionaires are notorious. They seem to find such difficulty in spending their wealth that they are obliged to resort to absolute absurdities.

One of the most amazing of such people, even for America, is Mr. James Hyde, who is engaged just now in a mighty financial struggle with the insurance company from which he derived his huge fortune.

The chief direction in which the craze for spending money turns is freak dinners, and their main object seems to be to advertise the giver.

The real reason for the Pilgrim dinner, organised by Mr. Hyde to famous Englishmen, proves now to have been to secure advertisement for that same insurance company.

DINING IN THE STABLE.

Quite a war has been waged between Mr. Hyde and Mrs. Suyvesse Fish, a well-known leader of the New York "400," in the giving of these freak dinners. Mrs. Fish started by giving a dairy-dinner, at which everyone had to be dressed as a peasant and behave as such, but Mr. Hyde "went one better" by giving a supper in his stables. All the guests had to appear as postillions, blow horns, and dance the cake-walk.

Less absurd was a Louis XV. ball which he gave not long ago in honour of Mme. Réjane, who finds the Americans prodigiously entertaining—in both senses of the word.

That little affair cost the trifling sum of £20,000. Mme. Réjane appeared in a Sedan chair, and performed a new comedy. The Metropolitan Opera House ballet was hired to dance, the halls, the staircase, the supper-rooms were all completely redecorated and structurally altered to represent old Versailles. The men who wore beads had to appear in hunting-dress, which concealed the anachronism from Mr. Hyde's sensitive eyes.

A JUNGLE BANQUET.

The Louis XV. ball was in reply to Mrs. Fish's jungle dinner. The banquet hall of her mansion in Madison-avenue was transformed into a tropical glade. Orange trees bearing fruit were specially imported from Florida; banana and coconut trees from the West Indies; tropical ferns, plants, and foliage from the jungle forests of Mexico, and humming and rare singing birds from all parts of the world. The guests had to find their way through woodland glades to the dining-room, and even the stairs were carpeted with grass.

On another occasion this inventive hostess hired a careful of lions to amuse her guests. Her harvest festival dance, when the guests were attired as country people, and came accompanied by farm-yard live stock, was yet another celebrated eccentricity. But the advertising glory of Mr. Hyde's supper in his stable, and Mrs. Fish's lions and cocks and hens, pales before Mr. Harry Lehr's dinner-party on horseback.

This, too, was given in a stable, but one which had been specially constructed for the occasion, and the horses were trained to stand still for the

two hours that the guests sat upon their backs and ate their elaborate dinners from tables fixed before them to the saddles.

Mr. Lehr, who is a bachelor, managed to spend quite a lot of money, considering the comparatively small number of guests, on the entertainment, even for America. There were twenty-four of them, and the cost was, roughly, £100 each.

Duck-dinners, at which everything to eat was duck, and for which the company dressed in feathers, and wore duck headresses, were quite the rage in New York millionaire society for a time, and even appendicitis dinners ceased to create any surprise.

The object of the appendicitis dinner was to be as gruesome and suggestive of the illness as possible.

The dinners, which consisted solely of dishes known to be preventive of appendicitis, were eaten off glass-topped operating tables. The knives and forks were operating instruments, and the rooms were decorated with surgical appliances. But only those who had undergone the operation could be guests at these unpleasant functions.

GUESTS IN RAGS.

Tramp dinners are another recognised amusement, and are the invention of Mr. Harry Lehr. The guests appear in rags, which are even more fantastic than those accredited to the real "Weary Willy" and "Tired Tim" by the American comic papers, and the dinner is eaten out of old tomato cans and jam-jars. Dilapidated packing-cases serve for tables and chairs.

There seems to be really no end to the follies in which the wealthy American will indulge in order to spend his money and at the same time secure advertisement.

One New York society woman was in the habit of carrying a flaming orange parasol, stamped with a glaring scarlet device, solely to attract attention. Another wealthy American, after making an abnormally expensive purchase, hired a brass band to parade the streets in solemn procession ahead of the coveted object, while a huge banner, on which was emblazoned the sum paid, floated over all.

CAPTAIN O'SHEA,



Whose death has recalled the sensational divorce case which led to the downfall of Mr. Parnell.—(Russell.)

firily. "The fruit is within my reach," she murmured. "I'll die rather than stretch out my hand and take it! Have I not suffered enough for righteousness' sake, and what has been my reward? Insult, ingiminy, blows."

So she sent off her telegram to Jack, and though she spent a night of self-torture, dreaming of herself in very earnest a soul adrift upon the grey sea which Robert Lidiard had painted, when the morning came she did not repent of her decision. She wanted Jack, she knew now how she had longed for the comfort of his voice during the long weary months which she had spent in the company of her abject husband.

"He will come soon," she told herself. "He must have received my message yesterday afternoon—probably he travelled up by the night train."

She was not concerned at having received no answer, Jack would answer it himself. There came a knock at the door, and she sprang to her feet trembling, ready to receive her expected visitor, but she fell back disappointed, for the new arrival was not Jack; but Montague Stone. She had quite forgotten that she had written to Montague the day before, telling him of her flight. Montague noticed her confusion, and drew his own conclusion, but made no remark upon it. He took her hands in his affectionately and consolingly, noticing as he did so how pale she was, and how the pallor increased the beauty and purity of her face.

"I am glad that you have done this, Cecilia," he said. "All this with that wretched man was impossible for you. You were never out of danger as long as you were with him, and there is no law, human or divine, that can compel you to live with such a man."

"No," returned Cecilia faintly, "I was in the wrong, I know that now, but I acted according to what I thought at that time. I thought that if I had joined together no man should put asunder."

THROUGH THE "MIRROR."

**Should Boys at School Be Encouraged
to Fight?**

If I had not fought as a boy I should now have the use of both eyes. I am almost totally blind in my left eye as the result of an injury I received as a boy while fighting.

I must also add that in the fight in question I was thoroughly beaten. My opponent has since died, partly of drink and partly of disease, in the slums of New York. In spite of my handicap I have been successful in life. Surely no one will contend that, though he did beat me in that fight, he was my superior as a man. HIGHLANDER.

Ealing, W.

The decrease of fighting is only one sign of our decadence as a nation. The good old maxim of "spare the rod and spoil the child" is fast falling into abeyance, and one has only to look at the youngsters of the present generation for the proof.

Ill-mannered, loutish youths of from seventeen to nineteen lounge about the streets making themselves a general nuisance by day and a positive danger in the darkness. If they had been well flogged as children, and were, occasionally, still, we should be spared their parasitic presence.

CAVALRY COLONEL.

If fighting is to be a recognised manner for boys to settle their disputes, we must also go back to the duel for men. A boy who has been educated to believe that physical force will redress a wrong will carry the same principle into action when he grows up.

However deplorable that might be, let us be thankful that our national temperament would always prevent the duel becoming so farcical as it is to-day in France. The Englishman would never tolerate the cinematograph operator or a force of police to keep the crowd in order. T. B. C. Cirencester.

WANTON CRUELTY.

Walking in a quiet part of Hampstead Heath the other day, I met a burly man with a small pony and cart containing vegetables. The brute was beating the poor animal most unmercifully on the head with a stout piece of rope, and contented with this barbarous cruelty, violently kicked the poor animal in the stomach. I remonstrated with him, but he took no notice, jumped on the cart, and drove away.

It seems a pity such villains should escape justice. St. John's Wood, N.W. H. P. E.

RUDENESS ON L.C.C. TRAMCARS.

I cannot agree with "Observer's" reference to the rudeness of conductors on the L.C.C. trams. I have travelled for some considerable time regularly to and from the city on these cars, and I have never observed the "rudeness" or "facetious remarks" your correspondent complains of. In fact, I have been struck with the invariable courtesy and politeness displayed by the conductors.

It is somewhat annoying for these conductors to have to answer repeated senseless questions as to "whether this car goes to Waterloo" or that one to Westminster, etc., notwithstanding the fact that each car has its destination written on it in plain and distinct letters. HARRY F. EGAR.

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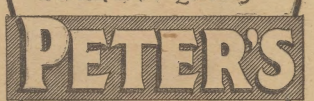
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CHAPTER XXXVI.

Cecilia sat in her sitting-room at the little hotel where she had taken refuge, waiting. She had spent a day in indecision as to what she should do, for it was not till the afternoon following the night of her escape from her husband that she had decided to telegraph to Jack. She had not ventured out of the hotel that day, afraid lest at any moment she might meet her husband. Again and again she had gazed out of the window, drawn there by a suspicion that he might be lurking at the corner of the street. A great fear of him had come over her, increased and aggravated now that she had fled from him. Had she indeed seen him outside in the street on any of those occasions when she was drawn, in spite of herself, to the window, she thought that she would have been impelled to take her own life.

It was not without a great struggle that she decided to send her telegram. All her sense of duty, all her scruples of conscience revolted against the step.

"But I want him—I want him so badly," she cried to her conscience, and it was the voice of her desire that conquered. She remembered Paula's miserable end—Paula who, acting upon Cecilia's own principles, had returned to her husband, in spite of the love she gave another man.

"She died miserably," Cecilia whispered to herself, "and I—I might have died too. But it is not too late for me. I have my chance of happiness, if I can but take it." She set her white teeth

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(Continued on page 11.)

ANTIPON

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There is not the least doubt that Antipon, the great permanent cure for corpulence, is the most brilliantly successful remedy of modern times, and this by sheer force of merit. Its success was indeed foretold by the specially appointed authorities who were invited to report upon the peculiar ingredients of Antipon prior to the discovery being made public. These competent experts were unanimous in their opinion as to the great value of Antipon as a weight-reducer, and also as to its unquestioned strength-building, tonic effects. Its complete harmlessness was also vouched for. Antipon contains nothing of a mineral nature. Its purely herbal ingredients are quite innocuous. The preparation is agreeable to the taste and very refreshing. Being a liquid, it is easy to take. Briefly, the Antipon treatment is simple, easy, safe, and sure; it can be followed without any other person being aware that any measures for the reduction of weight are being taken, and is in every respect a perfect home treatment for the permanent cure of obesity. It is neither aperient nor constipating, and has not the slightest disturbing effect upon the stomach or bowels.

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SOULS ADRIFT.

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proposed. Lady Sutton will be only too glad to have you, and in her house you will be safe. She will take very good care that Robert Lidiard is not allowed to cross the threshold. Will you do this, Cecilia?" he went on eagerly as she remained silent. "Oh, my dear—my dear, I am not asking it for myself, don't think that. I gave up all hope of winning you long ago. But I want to guard you—to be your friend always."

The flush upon Cecilia's cheeks deepened; the colour was in strange contrast to her bloodless lips. "You are very, very good, Montague," she said, "but I must tell you the truth. I don't want to keep anything from you. I have telegraphed to Jack Hallows to come to me, and, if he comes, I am ready to do anything which he may suggest. Anything," she repeated, fixing her eyes upon him with a brave effort at composure, "you understand me—anything."

Montague Stone was no moralist. He had no intention of prebending to this desperate woman. He understood well enough what it must have cost a girl of Cecilia's nature to come to this decision. He knew that her love was deep and strong. She had told him, too, of the effect which Paula's death had had upon her mind. He neither applauded her decision, nor did he condemn it.

"You are thinking of Paula," he said.

"Yes," she replied, "I am thinking of Paula. I have learnt my lesson."

"But the cases are not analogous," he said slowly. "She wished to leave a man who was kindness itself to her—a man who loved her devotedly—to go to her lover. To have done so would have been a sin against God and man."

"Yet she killed herself," interrupted Cecilia softly. "Her life was wrecked." To Cecilia this

was final. She listened, but was not impressed by the man's attempted argument. She had come to her decision, she had sent for Jack, and she would abide by his will. How was Montague Stone to know the mental torments which she had endured? Yet he understood them, perhaps, better than Cecilia could have believed.

"Cecilia," he said, with some of the awkwardness that was wont to come upon him at inopportune moments, "I won't dictate to you, you haven't given me the right to do that, but whatever you do, however you act, let me be your friend. You cannot love me, I was a fool to have thought that I might ever have won your love; but"—his voice grew husky—"I am not going to speak of that. I ask no more than to be able to see you. Don't go out of my life, Cecilia; if you did, you would leave it blank. Oh!"—he drew a long sigh—"Heaven knows that without you my life would be a burden to me!"

Cecilia moved, and with tears in her eyes took the man's hands in hers and promised.

Come what might, storm or shine, she knew that she could trust to the unselfish devotion of Montague Stone.

"And I have done nothing," she sobbed, "nothing to repay you for all your goodness. I have only brought disappointment and trouble and tears to you. It's a pity that you ever knew me. It's a pity that I didn't die when Robert sought to poison me months ago. Months? It seems years!"

Montague Stone comforted her as best he could, and a little later, after exacting a promise from her that she would let him know her ultimate decision, he took his departure, glad at heart that Cecilia had escaped from her oppressor, yet jealous with a jealousy no less acute because it could never find utterance in words, of the man for whom Cecilia was waiting, the man who had been summoned to be the arbiter of her destiny.

He returned to his lonely studio, and tried to paint. The effort was futile. He wandered aimlessly from room to room of the large house where he lived alone. His father and mother had lived in this house before him. He had had brothers and sisters in those days, but they had disappeared, all of them, some dead, some married, and living in foreign parts, their lives full, his empty life forgotten by them. Once in his younger days, before fame had come to him, he had pictured to himself that the house would not always be lonely. He had wished for a wife in those days, a companion, and his heart had thrilled at the thought of little children to enliven the dull old place.

The dream had vanished when he had made the acquaintance of the Lidiards, for once having seen Cecilia he knew that there was no other woman in the world whom he could make his wife. But the dream had revived after Robert Lidiard's supposed death, revived only to vanish once more into the impenetrable mist of things that may never be.

As he wandered through the house he repeated to himself words which had often been upon his lips before. He reconstructed the plans which he had made at happier moments. This his mother's boudoir, what a charming room it would have made for Cecilia. The furniture was a little old-fashioned, perhaps, but he would have rectified all that. The boudoir was close to his own studio. She could have heard him call to her at any time that he wished to show her his work.

Then upstairs there were the nurseries, the rooms where he himself had played as a child. There were toys there still, toys stowed away in the large, roomy cupboards, toys of a past generation, but which childish fingers would have loved to handle. Well, they would probably be sold now at some auction for what they would fetch.

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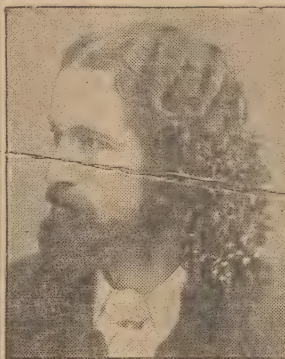
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MUST THE SHORT SKIRT GO?—EDICTS OF THE MODE.

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Many of the charming frocks that one sees now are built of fabrics that look as if they might have been worn many a decade ago. The quaintest of silks are with us, checked, flowered, and in stripes, but in the softest of qualities, and with curious distinctions of weave and design.

In the wool, and silk and wool effects the same characteristic is accentuated, with everything made soft and light and as adaptable as possible. For every sort of gown must be very full, and only with such materials can enough fullness be procured. Novelty is less conspicuous than the name usually indicates. An especially happy combination in blue, green, and violet is woven together in the most harmonious manner, the colours blending almost to a single shade that darkens in the weave. Another novelty is called undulated voile. It is dyed a single colour, but has threads so woven as to form little dots on a lace-like background. This material makes up into the most fascinating gowns, the dots showing as shadows rather than actualities.

It is an undoubted fact that the skirts of all frocks, except those intended for golf and country walks, are being made long, and that very soon we shall look awkward and unusual in a London street wearing a dress that does not sweep the ground, only because it is upheld by the hand.

The Hat for Girls.

Millinery is still a most exciting topic this spring, for quite a revolution has occurred in the world of headgear, and people are gradually trying the different new models, to their own undoing or the reverse, as circumstances will have it. Luckily extremes are not imperative. A large majority of the hats conform to the new rules, are a trifle smaller, tilt forwards rather than backwards, and are banked up at the back with flowers, feathers, or tulle, instead of being pressed down flat and pinned firmly to the hair; but the angle need not be aggressive, and there is many a quiet, unobtrusive hat that is also distinctly modish.

Our old friend the turban, unless it belongs to the polo class, inclines towards narrower shapes, often turned up sharply at the left side, and is trimmed with some unusual arrangement of wings, flowers, feathers, or ribbon. The very narrow elongated model is unbecoming to many women, particularly to those whose hair does not roll luxuriantly at the sides, and for those broader turbans are still made, or the polo is enlarged to the proportions of a large round turban.

Of lingerie hats there will be plenty seen when the weather becomes really warm and fine. Open-work embroidery or broderie Anglaise, on linen or batiste, is the new feature of the lingerie-millinery, and it is used in every imaginable way. Broad-brimmed picture-hats are covered smoothly with batiste, embroidered in broderie Anglaise, and are trimmed with loose clusters or sprays of large roses or other flowers, and with soft scarves of silk or folds of velvet ribbon. In these hats the under side of the brim is usually faced by little overlapping frills of Valenciennes or by corded or gauged batiste, muslin, or net, but sometimes the crown top is formed of little Valenciennes frills, and the open-work embroidery is used only for the brim.

Stock collars to match the belts worn are most effective, and when the belt is one of ribbon with tassel ends the stock is trimmed in the same manner. Another very smart arrangement has the stock, belt, and cuffs made of pretty blossom silks or thin subtle, shaped over the proper featherbone supports, and embroidered or braided as suits the

fancy. As an accompaniment for the spring and summer blouse, three-piece sets such as these are considered very smart indeed. The cuffs are made with a little thin underband that turns in just as the linen cuffs do.

Additional trimming is made possible by the depth of the new stocks, which must be well supported by pieces of featherbone, so that they stand up well round the neck, yet retain all the softness of effect demanded by the present mode. A chemise with a high stock is worn with all suits. Even the simple shirt is turned in to show this separate piece of daintiness.

SACHETS AND PERFUMES.

By the housewife who likes the odour of lavender leaves in her linen cupboards, cushions of Japanese crepe paper filled with lavender will be found useful and decorative. These cushions are six or eight



Little by little our skirts have been lengthening. The one shown above is far longer than the ankle-length model called the trottetouze of a year ago. It is a useful blue serge dress for the seaside that is illustrated, worn with a shirt all lingerie frills.



The above is the shortest skirt fashion now approves for the afternoon costume. This toilette is composed of garnet-red cloth, with black velvet trimmings upon it.

inches square. Sandal-wood sticks an inch square and five inches long are useful for laying among curtains and draperies when they are put away in the spring. The fragrance of them will remain long after the hangings are unpacked in the autumn. The perfume is though considered oppressively strong, it is generally in favour with many others, and there are combinations of Oriental scents which are extremely agreeable.

It is predicted that carnation will be one of the scents particularly approved of by fashion during the coming season, and combined with violet it is especially fragrant for sachet powder. Violet and heliotrope in combination are also in favour.

time; he had not tasted food since early morning, but now he felt no desire for it.

He had never been enthusiastic over his profession. He knew that he had talent for portrait-painting, and the world had appreciated his work; he had plodded on steadily, conscientious always, but his soul had never been moved within him as it was to-day.

Now he knew that he had the craft to produce masterpieces, and that it was sorrow that had brought him near to the heart of things, and awakened the latent power within him.

When it grew dusk he laid down his brush. He was exhausted, and yet he felt himself filled with a new strength. Life was no longer empty for him; he looked forward eagerly to the morrow and the resumption of his work. As it was to-day, so it would be to-morrow, and on the days which followed after. Much had been denied him, yet

much had been given. Never more would he cavil at destiny. Lonely? How can he be lonely who has the power to create?

Sleep came to Montague Stone that night, for he had found within himself redemption for the empty days which had been and which the future might have brought.

In the meanwhile, after the departure of Montague, Cecilia had not long to wait before the arrival of Jack. She had never doubted that he would come, though she did not forget that in her letter she had bidden him return to Kitty. Yet it did not seem likely that he had taken her at her word. She had watched the papers, and no mention had been made of any engagement between the two, also Jack, in the one letter that he had written her, had protested that, while he would obey her request not to see her again, there was no other woman in the world for him but Cecilia, and if at any time she had need of him she had only to write or telegraph. It was in the recollection of this letter that Cecilia had acted.

"Jack—Jack. I knew you would come!" So she cried as soon as the servant who had shown him up had retired, leaving him standing by the door as if in indecision. "Jack," she went on, before he had time to speak, "I have left my husband—my life with him became impossible—I tried to do my duty—but he has driven me from him with insults and blows. So I sent for you, Jack—oh, it may be wicked of me—and perhaps you may have ceased to love me—but I want so much to have a little happiness in life. Try to do good only brought me misery. Jack—Jack!"

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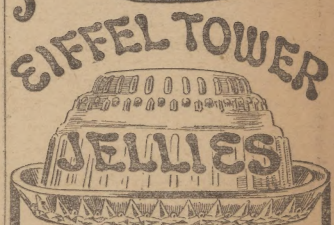
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SOULS ADRIFT.

(Continued from page 11.)

He closed the door of the empty nursery gently, and made his way downstairs, passing the door of the room, unused also, which had been his father's and mother's. He had been born in that room, but he would not die there, for it would never be occupied again.

He went back to the studio, telling himself that he was growing morose, trying to laugh his imaginings away. After all, there was always something left to him—he had his work and, more than that, he had his love for Cecilia, the love of which no one could rob him.

He took a clean stretch of canvas and began to sketch out the design for his picture. The desire had come upon him to paint from his own imagination, to abandon for a little while the mechanical, if highly paid, work which he had made his speciality. As he painted the joy of creation came upon him. He had never before let himself go in such a manner. He had never thought that he had it in him to do so. A portrait-painter he had been, clever, but conventional, and he had never conceived it possible that he could be anything else. But now a new spirit came upon him. He felt in harmony with nature, he felt his brain surging with ideas that called for expression. Ambition, not the ambition of mere gain, awoke in him. He felt himself possessed of a new power.

He painted on, and his work was sheer delight to him. His thoughts took form and expressed themselves upon the canvas. He lost all idea of

Hobbs, the ex-Cambridgeshire Batsman, Scores 88 in Good Style.

Yesterday's play at the Oval was considerably interfered with by rain; in fact, no cricket was possible after lunch.

During the morning, however, supporters of the Surrey Club were delighted with the form of young Hobbs, the latest recruit to the county's batting strength.

In an innings extending just over two hours, he showed sound defence, and also demonstrated that he has a number of punishing strokes. In all he hit eleven 4's, and many of these were fine forcing strokes between cover and mid-off. He is also strong on the legside, and it was a catch at square-leg which closed his admirable display.

Davis, who had several trials last season and showed promising form, and R. E. H. Baily, last year's Harrow captain and now a Freshman at Cambridge, also showed capital form before lunch.

At the close Surrey, with three wickets in hand, held a lead of 186 runs. Present score and analysis—

SURREY.		Second Innings.	
Hayward, b Beldam	9	b Blearley	37
Hobbs, c Townsend	18	b Blearley	37
Beldam	8	c Crawford b Blearley	88
Knox, c Robson b Blearley	18	b Blearley	0
J. N. Crawford, c Brewer	3	b Beldam	5
R. E. H. Baily, c Sewell	2	not out	20
b Blearley	1	b Beldam	21
Davis, c Robson b Beldam	8	b Blearley	2
Lee, b Blearley	1	c Townsend b Blearley	8
Stedman, b Beldam	1	not out	8
Knox, not out	5		
Smith, c Townsend b Beldam	8		
Extras	15	Extras	19
Total	86	Total (for 7 wks.)	215

GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.		Gentlemen of England—First Innings.	
W. W. Odell, c Stedman	0	G. I. Townsend, not out	41
Lee, c Blearley	0	A. E. Lawton, b Nice	13
T. T. Brewer, b Knox	2	A. T. A. Deboer, b Stedman	0
G. W. Beldam, c Hayes b Knox	20	O. Robson, c Stedman b Nice	1
W. G. Grace, b Knox	12	W. Blearley, b Crawford	10
W. C. S. Crawford, b Knox	2	Extras	2
E. H. D. Sewell, c Crawford b Knox	7		
		Total	115

BOWLING.											
GENTLEMEN OF ENGLAND.—First Innings.											
	o.	m.	r.	w.		o.	m.	r.	w.		
Lees	11		2	28	1	Crawford	5	5	1	17	2
Knox	11		1	39	5	Nice	5	0	21	2	
SURREY.—First Innings.											
Beldam	15	3	4	5	5	Brealey	15	4	26	3	

TO-DAY'S RACING PROGRAMME.

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CITY AND SUBURBAN HANDICAP, of 2,000 sovs, by subscription of 5 sovs each; second to receive 200 sovs, and the third 100 sovs. About one mile and a quarter. (FOR PROBABLE STARTERS AND JOCKEYS SEE "GREY FRIARS" NOTES.)

COPTHORNE PLATE (handicap) of 200 sovs. The last mile of the Derby Course.		Western	
His Lordship	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Fortville	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Infante	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Revillon	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Red Heart's Pride	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Camphor	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Country Girl	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Brownist	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Merla	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb
Garrison	5 9 7	3 7 5	lb

APPRENTICES' PLATE of 200 sovs. The Derby Course, about one mile and a half.							
	Yrs	St	lb	Yrs	St	lb	
aJabon	4	8	7	Jack Sheppard ..	3	6	11
aHenley	4	8	2	Frigid	3	6	11
Caprell	a	8	4	aDarwinian	3	6	9
aFalconet	3	7	0	Half Dark	3	6	9
Let Go the				Zelis	3	6	6
Painter	3	7	0	Cessation	3	6	6
Horn Head	3	7	0				

TADWORTH PLATE (handicap) of 200 sovs. New T.Y.C.,				
the last six furlongs of the New Course.				
	ys	lb		ys
Wolfshall	5	9	Perita	3
Holme Lacy	5	9	Cairnmore	3
Sea Kilda	5	9	Sea Trip	3
Mandelay	5	9	St. Agnes	3
Amble	5	9	Olivera	3
Half Holiday	5	9	Porter	3
Popple	5	9	St. Zilia	3
Hackensham	5	9	St. Evelyn	3
Quick	5	9	St. Edmund	3
Tomman	5	9	Coldstream	3
Corobus	5	9	St. Robert	3
Stately	5	9	St. Ann	3
Bright Star	5	9		
Gondolotto	5	9		

KINGSWOOD PLATE (handicap) of 200 sovs. Winner to be sold for 100 sovs. Five furlongs.				
	gns	st	lb	
Country Boy	5	8	0	
Conquer King	5	8	0	
Egyptian Beauty	3	8	2	
Mother Siegel	3	7	13	
Widow	3	7	10	
Perennial	3	7	5	
The King	3	7	5	
Cross Park	3	7	5	
Golden Hackle	3	7	5	
High Treason	3	7	0	
Cow Yard	4	7	0	
Right Bitter	3	7	0	

HYDE PARK PLATE of 10 sovs each, 3 ft if declared, with 200 added, for two-year-olds. Five furlongs.				
aLella f	8 13	St. Swinith	8 12	8
aJohn Simpson	8 12	Hurry Up	8 12	8
Kenington	8 12	Auriol	8 12	8
aSimplify c	8 9	Irish Sea	8 9	8
aLionel	8 9	Heronslaw	8 9	8
aMedusa	8 9	Glen Mazarin	8 9	8
aNoisy Bill	8 9	Tacita f	8 9	8
aCosmetic	8 9	Blare f	8 9	8
aGlucose	8 9	Slavonia	8 9	8
aCuckoo	8 9	Victoria May f	8 9	8
aAshw. Mouse f	8 6			

BETCHWORTH PLATE of 200 sovs, for two-year-olds; colts, but 12lb; fillies, but 9lb; winner to be sold for 100 sovs. Five furlongs.

A match between Glamorgan and the South of Ireland had been arranged to be played at Cardiff, but was abandoned, owing to the inability of the Irishmen to send over a team. The falling through of the fixture caused considerable local disappointment and much inconvenience, the railway companies having arranged to run special trains.

Millwall have again signed on their clever inside left forward, R. Jones. The young Welshman has easily been the best of the Millwall forwards this season, and only on Monday last scored two fine goals against West Ham. A good many clubs had their eyes on "Dick," and the Millwall directors are to be congratulated on again securing his services.

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